JLG Telehandler

Following retirement in the late 1960's, John L. Grove started on a cross country RV voyage. After spending many years establishing his family built crane business with his brother, John had no idea that this journey would bring forth the rise of JLG Industries, Inc. The world leader of mobile aerial work platforms and precision materials handling technologies was the end result of a road trip.

During their trip, John reacquainted himself with previous business acquaintances along the way. In combination with these conversations and a noteworthy event; two workers were tragically electrocuted on scaffolding when the Groves were passing through the Hoover Dam. John discovered a vast market for a product that could swiftly and securely elevate individuals in the air to accomplish maintenance and other building functions.

Upon returning from their travels, John established a joint venture with two friends and purchased a metal fabricating company in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1970, opening operations with a crew of twenty staff, they designed and sold the first JLG aerial work platform. The company incorporates many of the simple design elements of that original lift into current versions.

Since then, JLG Forklifts have come a long way from when Mr. John L. Grove returned from his fatefull cross-country journey and since the first JLG aerial platform entered the marketplace. As of today, the company has expanded itself into a number of global markets and continues to cultivate innovative machinery to guarantee that customers are able to become safer and more well-organized within their workplace.